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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EMIN, ITC, ID

SUBJECT: ITC PRODUCERS MEETING

REF: JAKARTA 4485

1. EMBOFF MET SOCIALLY WITH NUMBER OF DELEGATES IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING CLOSE OF SUBJECT MEETING APRIL 6. DELEGATES AP-
PEARED IN GOOD HUMOR AND COMMENTED THAT ALTHOUGH U.S. HAD
TAKEN SOMETHING OF A "BASHING" DURING THE MEETINGS, THEY
BELIEVE PRESS COMMUNIQUE (REFTEL) IS A DOCUMENT U.S. CAN
LIVE WITH AND THAT IT WILL PROVIDE A "BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION"
AT APRIL 11 LONDON MEETING.

2. THERE WAS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT ON NEED FOR THE U.S. TO
BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS GSA DISPOSAL PROGRAMS IN CONCRETE AND
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COMPREHENSIVE TERMS AT APRIL MEETING. BELGIAN ADVISER
TO ZAIRE DELEGATION COMMENTED THAT USG SHOULD NOT ONLY
BE PREPARED TOTALK TO PRODUCERS BILATERALLY AND TO ITC,
BUT THAT IT SHOULD ALSO TALK TO THE PRODUCERS AS A GROUP.

3. SEVERAL DELEGATES, INCLUDING CIPEC MEMBERS ZAIRE
AND INDONESIA, COMMENTED THAT LINKING COPPER PURCHASE TO

TIN DISPOSAL VERY UNFORTUNATE. THEY SAW NO REASON WHY
COPPER PURCHASES HAD TO FOLLOW CERTAIN LEVEL OF TIN DISPOSAL.

4. NO ONE WAS WILLING TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF DEFERRING
CONSIDERATION OF PRICE BAND ISSUE, AND PRESS COMMUNIQUE
SAYS "THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THE ADOPTION OF
THEIR PROPOSAL AT THE FORTHCOMING APRIL SESSION OF THE
ITC." IN SEPARATE PRIVATE MEETINGS TWO OF THE DELEGATES
(RICKETTS OF AUSTRALIA AND SIRMAN OF INDONESIA) DID
HINT THAT IF THE U.S. IS FORTHCOMING WITH REGARD TO DIS-
POSAL REGIME PRODUCERS MIGHT BE PERSUADED TO DEFER PRICE
ISSUE TO JULY.
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